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For Want of 10
Righteous Persons

We are all Lot's
wife now, nameless
and aimless, forced
to leave behind
what we thought
we always knew,
holding our dear
ones close, closer,
yearning for one last
look at a landscape
we'd grown to love
before it's transformed
to smoke and ash,
becomes as un-
recognizable as we
are to one another.
We are immobilized,
brittle, common, sharp-
edged, corrosive,
vulnerable to fogs
and squalls and
floods and even
our own tears.

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